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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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Title: CONTROLLED COOLING OF INPUT WATER BY DISSOCIATION OF HYDRATE
IN AN ARTIFICIALLY PRESSURIZED ASSISTED DESALINATION FRACTIONATION
APPARATUS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the specification as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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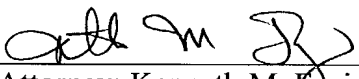
--This application is the National Phase of International Application
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Governmental Support and Interest

This Invention was made with Government Support under Contract Number NBCHC010003
dated January 29, 2001 and issued by the Department of the Interior - National Buisness Center
(DARPA). The Government has certain rights in the invention. --

Respectfully submitted,

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